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Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

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Dear Members of the Honolulu City Council:

Re: Bill 55 & Bill 56 North Shore State Land Use District Boundary Amendment 2016/SLU-1, and a zone change request-2016/Z-7 (MW)

I am a resident and homeowner for all most 40 years of a home on Kilioe Place which is next to the above property owned by Scott Wallace. We have raised our family on this quiet cul-de-sac street (Kilioe Place) and have just begun to enjoy our retirement in a nice neighborhood where we know and respect all our neighbors. When we moved here, we were surrounded by sugar cane land. We live on a short lane with minimum parking and there was never any intention of making Kilioe Place a through street. It was always intended to be a cul-de-sac.

You have a very powerful decision to make about what will happen to this precious ag land, which is really all about what will happen to Haleiwa. The eyes of many developers are on what is going to happen to this land because there are many more developers looking to rezone ag to residential in areas adjacent and across Kamehameha Hwy. Your decision will be the tipping point on what kind of life the people and descendants will live in Haleiwa. There will be no going back once this wonderful open land is taken away. It is precious because Haleiwa needs to keep its agriculture land. This land is good to farm. My children had a dry land taro farm on this land for many years. We have planted gardens on the land. The land around our house grows just about anything. This land is in the tsunami flood zone. It is around sea level. The water table is very high. Wallace's land behind our house is prone to flooding and many times water has run under our home originating from his land. Where will the water go when there is even less open land for it to dissipate in? This standing water is also a health hazard and attracts mosquitos. Even if he develops a catchment system, the standing water is a problem. We are on an incline and all the water from across Kam Hwy and from the mountain runs our direction. The land in question has flooding problems and many parts of it have been designated a wetland. These wetlands with endangered species (according to numerous residence who work nearby lands and have pictures to prove it).

A great fear by many of us in the community is the pollution that the injection well sewage plant will cause for our water system, for the taro patches nearby and even for the ocean and reefs. Not to mention what kind of an idea is it to build a sewage plant next to one of the islands most visited tourist areas.

We have a terrible traffic problem in Haleiwa. This problem will certainly be made worse by this housing project. Tourism keeps increasing and all most every tourist that comes to Oahu spends time in Haleiwa. The traffic problem has grown and is terrible. It is affecting the aloha spirit of the local residence.

Mr. Wallace talks about work force housing. I know my children are college graduates in the Hawaii work force and they would not be able to afford this land and build a home. I predict these homes will

be bought as investment properties, rental units, bed and breakfast and not as single family long term residents. This will not help local housing problems for the community. This will not help generate taxes since many of the buyers will be from out of State and not pay State tax. You can see this all the time in our area. This will dissolve our quiet environment with the many transient people coming and going with no respect for a quiet neighborhood.

The land in question has had a tenant for a long time. There must be some reason that this person would want to have this agricultural land for a long duration. It must have been beneficial for him to have this property in agriculture. I have heard numerous people express an interest in working this land. Some of them spoke at the Northshore Neighborhood Board Meeting.

There is continuous talk about the need to keep agricultural land in agriculture and not turn it into residential. One person at the last neighborhood board meeting brought up the misuse of the term "fill in" in the community plan to justify using this land for housing. He said "fill in" would never be used when the land in question would have to be rezoned. The term "fill in" is when there is residential land with vacant lots that are already zoned residential. The Haleiwa community plan is misusing a term that is common on the mainland when dealing with residential areas.

Mr. Wallace already has numerous business properties in Haleiwa. I understand he is a businessman and with the goal of making money. This change in zoning will set a terrible precedent for Haleiwa and will put an end to the country living as we know it. For 30 years, my husband and I traveled long distances to work just so we could enjoy living in a more rural environment. Now Haleiwa will become another Mililani or Ewa Beach or Kailua. Is there any time when enough will be enough?

We are also concerned about the water table being polluted by the installation of the sewage plant. Concerns were also raised at the Neighborhood Board meeting that by injecting water below the surface, the spring water and the ground water table could become polluted. The water table is very high in this area. The area is known for having underground lava tubes that influence individual home cesspools. It is impossible to predict how much a sewage injection well will pollute our ground water now and in the future. This pollution could affect other ag land water, fish farming and taro growing as well as the nearby beaches and ocean,

Please consider the people who will be so seriously affected by this development. Support agriculture and country life style. Do not support Mr. Wallace's request.

Sincerely,

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